

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0105] as follows:

[0105] In an image forming apparatus of the type in which the sheet path is substantially vertically directed, and an intermediate transfer member 1a is used, an image forming apparatus has a latent image forming unit 2, a developing unit 3, and an intermediate transfer member 1a ~~(not shown)~~. The latent image forming unit 2 forms a latent image on an image carrying body 1. The developing unit 3 visualizes the latent image formed on the image carrying body 1 by using a developer. The intermediate transfer member 1a temporarily holds the visual image formed on the image carrying body 1, and transfers the visual image onto a recording sheet S. The recording sheet S is transported from a lower part to an upper part.

Please replace paragraph [0107] as follows:

[0107] The intermediate transfer member 1a used is required for enabling the transferring of the visual image to the recording sheet S moving in the substantially vertical direction.